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At the Taji National Depot, Iraqi soldiers get on-the-job logistics training while meeting supply needs of the ISF

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Cover: An Iraqi soldier assigned to the Taji National Depot moves a load of supplies to a warehouse. The Depot began operations in May and since then has completed roughly 500 missions involving getting equipment and supplies to Iraqi forces.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

MNSTC-I CG addresses troops

By U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

MNSTC-I Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Two weeks after taking command of the Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq (MNSTC-I), U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey met with more than 300 members of his command to introduce himself and update them on current matters.



U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey

In addition to equipping, training and mentoring the Iraqi Security Forces, MNSTC-I is now overseeing the development of Iraq's Defense and Interior ministries, Dempsey said. As of Oct. 1, the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office (IRMO) teams for the two ministries will fall under MNSTC-I's jurisdiction, joining the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team (CPATT), Coalition Military Assistance Training Team (CMATT) and the Joint Headquarters Advisory Team.

"MNSTC-I now owns the process of developing the Iraqi Security Forces," Dempsey said. "From the foot soldier and policeman, all the way up to the ministries. One organization will have a total view of the entire process."

Dempsey commanded the 1st Armored Division in Iraq from June 2003 through October 2004. The effort to build up Iraq's forces is going

far better than when he left a year ago, he said. He believes force generation and operations at the tactical level are going well, but the challenge now is to focus on the higher levels and to strengthen the systems needed to support and sustain units.

Dempsey thanked members for their dedication to the mission, and encouraged them to continue to drive on. An email he received from the father of a 1st Armored Division Soldier helps keep him focused on the importance of MNSTC-I's mission, he said. The son was killed in November 2003 while serving in Iraq. The email arrived shortly after the announcement of Dempsey taking command of MNSTC-I. When he saw it, Dempsey said he was a little nervous about opening it.

The father congratulated Dempsey on his new assignment and expressed his hope for success. The man also mentioned the recent protests against the war led by a Texas woman, Cindy Sheehan, who also lost a son here. As painful as it was to lose his son, the father said he is working through his grief by doubling his support of what U.S. and Coalition forces are trying to accomplish here. Success will ensure that his son's death was not in vain, the father said.

Dempsey said he prefers not to think of MNSTC-I's mission as the "exit strategy" for U.S. and Coalition forces, but instead as the effort to ensure "the future of security against international terrorism."

"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

— Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968)

National Depot ramps up training, supply efforts

By U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

MNSTC-I Public Affairs

TAJI, Iraq – Since operations began in May, the Taji National Depot has completed roughly 500 missions by ground and by air to move equipment and materials to Iraqi Armed Forces units throughout the country.

“The volume of inventory that passes through the Depot is ramping up daily,” said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Levonda Selph, the Depot’s Coalition commander. Her counterpart, Iraqi Lt. Col. Mohomud, commands the Iraqi side of the operation. The tempo will continue to increase with the hiring of a convoy security and truck fleet dedicated to moving shipments to the units, she said.

With 383 Iraqi soldiers, 150 contractors and 20 U.S. Soldiers, the Depot is responsible for supplying the logistic needs of 10 divisions of the Iraqi Armed Forces, along with regional base support units. Items ranging from weapons and body armor to ambulances and pickup trucks are managed by the Depot, which Selph describes as a strategic-level operation



An Iraqi maintenance worker gets under the hood of a truck to make sure it's operational before being shipped out.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

and the only one of its kind in Iraq.

In addition to moving supplies and equipment, the Depot’s mission also includes training Iraqi soldiers to operate and maintain it. Iraq’s Ministry of Defense has jurisdiction over the Depot, with oversight from MNSTC-I.

established; a private contractor now manages the system.

Since then, 11 more warehouses have been renovated. Construction of a loading dock was completed last month. In three months, the Depot shipped more than 850 various types of vehicles.

On-going projects include creating a living area for Iraqi soldiers assigned to the Depot, installing a water and sewage system and building a dining facility.



Before starting operations in May, nine warehouses at the Depot site were renovated. Since then, another 11 have been renovated.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

Preparation for operations began in March with the renovation of nine warehouses and an office building. An inventory management system called Exceed was also



The National Depot manages the distribution of all types of equipment and supplies headed to Iraqi Security Forces, including ambulances.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell

Citizen tips lead forces to weapons, car bomb

Task Force Baghdad and 48th Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq – An Iraqi citizen approached a patrol of Iraqi Police officers and Coalition Soldiers Sept. 21 with information that led them to a car bomb under construction in the Rusafa district of east Baghdad.

The patrol found a car rigged with eight mortar rounds wired to a radio-controlled detonator. An Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal team disarmed the explosives.

Information from local residents in the Radwiniyah area Sept. 17 helped Task Force Baghdad Soldiers discover a large weapons cache while on a dismounted patrol. The residents told Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment, 48th Brigade Combat Team there were weapons buried in a field nearby. Soldiers uncovered a cache of weapons, then expanded the search and found two additional caches.

Included in the weapons cache were 63 rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) rounds, 23 RPG mortars, 904 RPG fuses and primers, 33 68mm rockets, 23 82mm mortar rounds, two 60mm mortar tubes, 12 60mm mortar rounds, 80 mortar fuses, three mortar sights and five crates of TNT.

“The relationship between the Iraqi Army, Coalition forces and the local populace grows stronger every day,” said U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Stewart Rodeheaver, 48th BCT commander. “This find will significantly decrease the amount of rocket and mortar attacks against the community and Coalition forces. I am extremely proud of our Soldiers.”

One suspect was detained in connection with the discovery, which was turned over to an explosive ordnance disposal team.

In other areas of Baghdad, Iraqi Army and Task Force Baghdad Soldiers working together and independently this week uncovered five large weapons caches in and around Baghdad. Together, the caches consisted of 27 rockets and



Task Force Baghdad Soldiers unearth the contents of a weapons cache discovered in a field in south Baghdad. An Iraqi citizen's tip helped Soldiers find the cache.

U.S. Army photo



Iraqi Police, responding to a citizen's tip, inspect a car bomb parked in the Rusafa district of east Baghdad.

U.S. Army photo

mortars, 20 mortar fuses, 14 rocket-propelled grenades with three launchers, and three hand grenades. The Soldiers also found five AK-47 assault rifles, a machine gun, sniper rifles, 280 magazines, two pistols and more than a dozen boxes of ammunition. Anti-Coalition propaganda, fake license plates and blasting caps were also discovered in the caches.



Eight mortar rounds wired to a radio-controlled detonation device were hidden in a van in the Rusafa district of east Baghdad.

U.S. Army photo

In other combat operations, Iraqi

Army and Coalition forces captured 16 suspects during a series of raids carried out against suspected terrorist safe houses throughout the capital city. In addition to detaining the suspects, the Soldiers seized two missiles, bomb-making materials, six AK-47 assault rifles, one machine gun and ammunition.

Coalition forces working in northwest Baghdad foiled a car bomb attack at 4 p.m. Sept. 21. As the unit was traveling on a major highway, a car tried to enter the convoy and ram one of the U.S. vehicles. The vehicle swerved to avoid being struck and the Soldiers fired at the car, setting off the bombs inside.

The driver of the car managed to jump out and tried to run away, but the Soldiers captured him and took him into custody.

Task Force Liberty trains Iraqi combat lifesavers

By U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Matthew Acosta
22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BALAD, Iraq – As Iraqi troops take over the role of conducting combat operations and raids, they will also step up to provide their soldiers with medical support – whether it's a routine sick-call patient or a wounded soldier with traumatic injuries.

Training from Coalition soldiers, who have the ability to bridge gaps in technology, language and customs, is helping equip the Iraqi Army with medical personnel.

"Right now, Iraq's emergency medical system is in the process of being stood up," said U.S. Army Cpl. Slade Deister, a medical supply noncommissioned officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry, Task Force Liberty. "We're helping them as much as we can to treat both their military and civilian casualties and their sick."

With the Iraqi Army moving to take over combat operations in the area, it was decided to start training some Iraqi soldiers in first aid, starting with the combat lifesaver course, said U.S. Army Spc. Dominic Italiano, medic and combat lifesaver instructor, Task Force 5-7.

"The soldiers attend a three-day course learning the basics of first aid," Italiano said. "They get instruction in bandaging, splinting, checking for pulse and breathing, how and when to give (intravenous injections), how to assess a casualty and the fireman's carry, to name a few."

He said many of them receive the training well and a select few who can read and write are sent for further training as medical personnel in the Taji and Tikrit medical facilities.

Training the Iraqi soldiers isn't without its share of challenges.

"In the beginning we used slides with words on it, but since many Iraqi soldiers can't even read, it didn't work as well as we had planned," Deister said. "So we decided to use interpreters to help train the class explaining everything we say in Arabic, which works well. Then we decided to put the Iraqi unit's medics to work helping us train these soldiers, integrating them into the training."

Since they started incorporating the Iraqi medics into the training, the soldiers have been able to learn at a much faster rate and retain more knowledge when they take the final exam, Italiano said.

"Their customs also differ from ours in a sense; when we need medical care we get it," said Italiano. "But they think if Allah wants them to live, he will save them. So sometimes, it's a bit difficult to get them to the point where they will treat



An Iraqi medic (left) helps a fellow soldier practice treating another soldier for a broken arm by applying a splint, during a combat life saver course taught by U.S. and Iraqi army medics.

Photo by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Matthew Acosta

each other if needed, without worrying about 'godly repercussions.'"

"There have been soldiers who have thrown up while getting IVs because the thought of not knowing if they are going against their own beliefs makes them physically sick," he added. "Treating them and training them is a challenge, but we've got it now, and they're doing just fine with it."

Deister said the ultimate goal is to get the Iraqi Army to stop relying on Coalition forces for medical support. The Iraqi Army has a medical supply system in place, with a constantly growing inventory.

"They need to realize we're not going to be here forever to help them," said Italiano.

Iraqi battalion flies solo on independent mission

By U.S. Army Spc. Adam Phelps

22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

TIKRIT, Iraq – Task Force Liberty Soldiers are moving into the role of observers as Iraqi Army soldiers in their area of responsibility begin conducting missions on their own.

Iraqi soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division, for instance, recently completed a successful independent mission.



Iraqi Army soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade pull security while the rest of their team searches suspected insurgent meeting places.

Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Adam Phelps

"The operation that we conducted is according to information and intelligence that our battalion gathered," said Iraqi Col. Mahoumoud. "The targets we have are wanted for conducting (terrorist activity) against Iraqi police, army and their families. We watched the targets, verified informa-

tion and found out they meet in certain houses. We conducted this operation to detain these people."

The mission not only achieved the goal of detaining high value targets, but soldiers at all levels worked together well, said U.S. Army Capt. David Byrne, an intelligence officer with the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment.

"It went really well," Byrne said. "They moved through the objectives quickly and they're reporting well through their chain of command, so their battalion commander is aware of what's going on. They also used their own communication, move quickly and had good situational awareness."

The Iraqi leaders had no Coalition help in preparing for this mission, he added.

"We're here for quality assurance and quality control purposes," Byrne said. "Basically to watch them and help them when they are doing their after action review and give them some tips for how they can improve and what they really did well."

Coalition forces have been working with the Iraqi Army and have seen vast improvements, he said.

"We've been working with them since we got here on the ground back in January," Byrne said. "We've developed our relationship since then and given them more freedom. The more missions they execute, the less supervision they need from us."

"My whole battalion went through special training from special forces by Coalition forces," Mahoumoud said. "Every mission done with Coalition forces we get more experience and training. Every soldier has gained special skills during the training cycles they conducted with Coalition forces, which makes the battalion stronger and more effective."

The Iraqi soldiers are learning from their training and continue to improve after every mission, he added.

For many Iraqi soldiers, serving in the army is about protecting the freedom of their friends and family, Mahoumoud said.

"This is a responsibility that I'm proud to have for my battalion because I'm allowing the families of my soldiers and my family to move around safely without being scared of insurgents," he said. "Our main mission is to protect and serve the people."



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Iraqi, U.S. Soldiers bring hope to neighborhood

By U.S. Army Spc. Tracy J. Smith

48th Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

MAHMUDIYAH, Iraq — Iraqi Army soldiers and U.S. counterparts from Forward Operating Base Michael visited a school in downtown Mahmudiyah to deliver school supplies in one of the area's poorest communities.

The Sept. 14 visit was part of the Iraqi Army's efforts to positively influence and establish a mutual trust with the citizens they protect.

"The fine Soldiers of the 4th Brigade know they must take good care of the people of this region," said Iraqi Brig. Gen. Mahdi, commander of 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division.

The mission is simple, Mahdi added: "To provide a good, safe environment for (the citizens of this region) and for the children, our future leaders, to study and grow up and do the right things."

As the soldiers walked into the school, children and staff peered curiously around doors and windows.

"They are growing up in a very difficult time," Mahdi explained. "But they will rebuild Iraq again. We are now creating a good environment for them by supplying them with the basics to succeed."

U.S. Army Capt. Bryan S. Mitchell, a Military Training Team officer with the 48th Brigade Combat Team, was impressed with way the Iraqi soldiers handled the mission and the reception they received from the community.

"It is a good-will mission



Iraqi Brig. Gen. Mahdi, commander of 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, reaches out to students at a school Sept. 14. "These children are the future of Iraq," Mahdi said. "The children of Iraq are going to lead the future."

Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Tracy J. Smith

that helps inspire the local population to have faith in the intentions of the Iraqi Army," Mitchell said.

Many of the Iraqi soldiers spoke candidly to the young students, who were excited by the visit. They were rambunctious at times, but listened attentively to a new Iraqi Army recruit.

"Respect your lessons," Iraqi Pvt. Mahmud said. "These opportunities are given to you as a gift from God so

that you can become great leaders, scientists and teachers or future leaders of our country."

As the pencils, crayons, books and learning games were distributed, Mahdi promised it would not be the last time they paid a visit to the neighborhood.

"My hope is that we will (have) this experience at least monthly or twice a month," he said. "I could not be more pleased that we, as soldiers, have this privilege. We must become friends with the people of Mahmudiyah and this region."

Walking through the community, the Iraqi soldiers shook hands, listened to concerns and reassured their people that they would do what was best to provide for the growing democracy and protect them from outside agitators.

"The end result to this new beginning is going to be providing information and cooperating with the Iraqi Army," Mitchell predicted. "They are willing to make a difference and we are definitely seeing that today. They are picking up the pace and making great strides. Definitely making history!"



An Iraqi Army soldier closely monitors activity during the distribution of school supplies at a school in downtown Mahmudiyah.

Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Tracy J. Smith

Iraqi government moves to assist Tall Afar residents

Task Force Freedom Public Affairs

MOSUL, Iraq – Nineveh Province Gov. Duraid Kashmula described operations to remove terrorists from Tall Afar and restore citizens' rights "highly successful." The government, Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition allies are now focusing on reconstruction and restoring order in the city.

The Iraqi government began sending aid Sept. 20 in the form of electrical equipment and food. Workers brought in more than 200,000 pounds of various food products. The electrical equipment will allow engineers to begin repairing electrical grids throughout the city.

"Operation Restoring Rights" resulted in at least 151 terrorists killed, 683 captured, 64 weapons caches seized, and the discovery of 33 improvised explosive devices since Aug. 26th.

Although operations to capture or kill terrorists will continue, the emphasis of the Iraqi and Provincial governments are now on providing health care, voting rights, education, clean water, food, security, petroleum products, employ-



Iraqi workers unload a truck full of food products as part of the Iraqi government's effort to assist Tall Afar citizens. U.S. Army photo

ment and other services terrorists were preventing citizens from getting.

Kashmula told Tall Afar residents that families could return to their homes and that committees would be formed to rebuild the city. Committee members will be visiting residents to determine their needs, providing financial assistance if needed and when the Ministry of Finance provides the money, Kashmula said. He assured them that police and military forces would continue to pursue terrorists and keep Tall Afar safe.

School supplies deliver smiles

By U.S. Army Sgt. David Bill

48th Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

BAGHDAD – Students at the Al-Sayad Primary School are carrying their school work home in new bookbags, thanks to the efforts of Iraqi and U.S. Soldiers.

Iraqi soldiers from the 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division and U.S. Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, 48th Brigade Combat Team and Company C, 490th Civil Affairs Battalion provided school supplies to children from the Radwiniyah area Sept. 13. The biggest hit of the day was the bookbag give-away.

The smiles on the faces of the children as they left the school were proof the gifts were well received. Other supplies included pens, pencils and Hawaiian leis provided by U.S. Army Maj. Chriz Caraang of Honolulu and a member of the battalion. The school previously received donations of a desktop computer and printer.



Young students at the Al-Sayad Primary School show their appreciation as they depart with their new backpacks (above); U.S. Army Spc. Chris Greninger gives a gift to a young girl (below). Photos by U.S. Army Sgt. David Bill



Use the five C's to secure an IED site.

Confirm : the device

Clear : the area

Call : EOD

Cordon : the perimeter

Control : site access



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IEDs KILL

Iraqi Security Forces / In Brief

Forces nab weapons supplier

SHAYKH HAWWAZI – The 2nd Iraqi Army Division and Coalition forces conducted a raid Sept. 15 to capture a known supplier of weapons and equipment for making improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

Acting on a tip, the troops captured two suspects, including the target. They also recovered 75 anti-tank landmines, 26 hand grenades, 33 rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs), 37 propellants, 27 anti-personnel landmines, three RPG launchers, a mortar tube, 500 light machine gun rounds and materials for making IEDs in the target's home.

Iraqi forces at two other locations recovered seven artillery rounds, four hand grenades, 700 light machine gun rounds, three anti-personnel land mines and RPG boosters. An explosive ordnance disposal team was called in to destroy the stockpiled weapons in place. (Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force)

Iraqi troops clear pipeline IED

SAMARRA – Iraqi soldiers caught a man planting an improvised explosive device next to a pipeline 11 kilometers southwest of Samarra Sept. 16.

Troops from the 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division engaged the man after observing him emplacing the device. It was successfully removed from the pipeline and destroyed.

Iraqi troops engage insurgents

RAMADI – Iraqi soldiers fired on two men carrying rocket-propelled grenades in eastern Ramadi Sept. 16.

Troops from the 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Iraqi Intervention Force were on a security and observation mission when they spotted the men along the north side of a main supply route. The men fled to the north when the soldiers started to engage them.

Checkpoint attack kills insurgents

BALAD – Iraqi and Coalition force soldiers killed two insurgents and wounded two others attacking their checkpoint Sept. 16. Soldiers repelled the four vehicle, rifle and grenade assault on the Miller's Bridge checkpoint and captured the retreating insurgents. (Task Force Liberty Public Affairs)

Tip prompts capture of leaders

BAQUBAH – Soldiers with the 5th Iraqi Army Division and Coalition forces conducted raids Sept. 16 after receiving a tip regarding two terrorist cell leaders. The soldiers captured a man identified as a terrorist cell leader responsible for numerous kidnappings and beheadings, including the recent assassination of three Iraqi Police officers. They also captured a suspected terrorist cell leader responsible for training anti-Iraq forces. (Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force)

Looking back

One year ago in Iraq

Iraq's Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi pleaded with other nations to help Iraq reduce or eliminate its foreign debt and to join the multinational forces fighting the insurgents.

Addressing the United Nations General Assembly in a largely empty room Sept. 24, 2004, Allawi stated Iraqi officials hope to meet with members of the Paris Club at the end of the year to assist in debt reductions.

The Paris Club, an informal group of official creditors whose role is to find sustainable solutions to the payment dilemmas experienced by debtor nations, agreed to reschedule debts due them.

"The problem with foreign debt emerges as the most serious obstacle. We are indebted in billions of dollars," Allawi said.

Allawi thanked the nations who have forgiven Iraq's debts and asked other nations to be as generous.

Joint raid leads to IED suspect

TIKRIT – A suspected terrorist cell leader believed responsible for several improvised explosive device attacks against Iraqi and Coalition forces was captured Sept. 16 during a raid by 4th Iraqi Army Division and Coalition soldiers. Two light machine guns and an AK-47 assault rifle were found in the suspect's home. (Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force)

AIF nabbed in Fallujah

FALLUJAH – Iraqi Army troops and Coalition forces apprehended and detained seven suspects in two separate operations Sept. 17.

Personnel from the 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Intervention Force detained four military-aged males during a cordon and search operation with Coalition forces. The men had detailed maps of Fallujah in their possession.

In another cordon and search operation, Iraqi and Coalition forces detained three more men who had an SKS rifle and an AK-47 rifle. Ammunition for both rifles and six AK-47 magazines were also discovered.

The detainees were taken into custody for further questioning and the property was seized.

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Joint operations lead to arrests

TIKRIT – Soldiers with the 4th Iraqi Army Division and Coalition forces conducted several raids Sept. 17 to capture terrorist cell members suspected of facilitating car bombs. Two people were taken into custody.

In Samarra the same day, a tip led other 4th Iraqi Army Division and Coalition soldiers to conduct an operation to capture individuals responsible for attacks against the Iraqi Police, Iraqi Army and Coalition forces. Three people were detained, including one suspected of working with explosives. (Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force)

Troops clear Fallujah cache

FALLUJAH – Iraqi Army troops working with Coalition Forces found and cleared a weapons cache Sept. 18.

Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Intervention Force rounded up the weapons and transported them to an Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal team.

The stash consisted of one rocket-propelled grenade launcher, three RPG rockets, two 120mm mortar rounds, one AK-47 rifle, three half-full AK-47 magazines and four unidentified rocket launchers.

Soldiers find, clear IEDs

BAGHDAD – Iraqi Security Forces found and cleared an improvised explosive device made from a 125mm artillery round and a radio Sept. 19.

Personnel from the 4th Public Order Brigade found the device and secured the area while an Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal team conducted a controlled detonation to neutralized the threat.

In Kirkuk the same day, Iraqi Army soldiers found and neutralized an improvised explosive device consisting of a 155mm artillery round with a blasting cap in the fuse well.

Suspected bombers detained

AD DULUIYAH – A patrol from the 4th Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division detained 12 people Sept. 19 suspected of emplacing improvised explosive devices.

Iraqi equipment roll-up

A look at some of the equipment projected for delivery to Iraqi Security Forces this week

Ammunition.....507,000 rounds

Weapons.....2,500

Vehicles.....741

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The suspects were apprehended by the troops at a local gas station. Some bombs had been found there the day before.

Joint forces seize cache

FALLUJAH – Personnel from the 1st Battalion, 1st Public Order Brigade and Coalition troops discovered a cache of bomb making materials and detained a male suspect during a presence patrol Sept. 19.

The cache included nine hand grenades, six mortar increments, one hand-held radio, an anti-tank round, one 6-inch block of TNT, two large fireworks and various fuses, blasting caps, electrical components and timers. The suspect is being held pending further investigation.

IED found, cleared

SAMARRA – Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition personnel found and cleared an improvised explosive device Sept. 21.

The bomb consisted of two artillery rounds; one 122mm and one 125mm that were partially buried. Red detonation cord was protruding from the fuse wells. No initiating devices were found with the munitions.

An Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal team secured the rounds for later destruction.

Attack leads to AIF suspects

FALLUJAH – Iraqi troops captured and detained three men after being attacked Sept. 21.

Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Intervention Force were acting in support of Coalition forces when they came under small arms fire at a manned post. The troops withheld their fire and dispatched a quick reaction force to the vicinity from which the estimated 40 rounds of rifle fire originated.

The military-aged male suspects were detained from a large crowd after questioning revealed anti-American propaganda in their possession. The suspects are being held pending further investigation.

Troops detain AIF suspects

RAWAH – Iraqi Army troops detained two men Sept. 21 for possessing duplicate identification cards.

Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade 1st Iraqi Intervention Force questioned and detained the individuals during cordon and knock operations.

Hasty raid nets AIF, weapons

AD DUJAYL – Iraqi Army troops netted six insurgents, weapons and supplies in a Sept. 22 hasty raid.

The early morning raid concluded with six military-aged men in custody. The first three were caught trying to hide AK-47 assault rifles in a nearby orchard. Items seized included three AK-47s, a pistol, two hand grenades, a gas mask, one camera, a sight for a rocket-propelled grenade, two cell phones and ski masks.